

SHOPPING CENTER
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for some 50 stores, with adequate off-street parking provided. Also planned is a four-lane road around the shopping area. Apparently, Hopkins stated, there has been a change in the ownership of the undertaking, since the company now involved is the Brody Investment Co. of Beverly Hills. Listed previously as buyers

of the land from the Security-First National Bank were the Investment Service Inc., of Beverly Hills, the Bartell Corp., and "eastern financial interests."

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, 20938 Denker Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Jeanette, weighing 9 pounds and 3 ounces.

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METERS

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meters in the past. Tuesday night's vote found the councilmen split, 3 to 2.

Surprise Move
Councilman Albert Isen obviously surprised other members of the Council when he would not award the bids at this time to the company which had been recommended by a fact-finding committee.

Isen wanted to know why the lowest bidder (a double automatic parking meter) was not accepted and asked for a written report of the committee's findings.

Other council members maintained that the whole purpose for having turned the matter over to the fact-finding committee was to have them evaluate the meters both as to merit as well as price.

Councilman Victor Benstead, who has been an unwavering foe of the parking meters, beat other councilmen to the draw when he slipped in the first motion to reject all bids and parking meters as such.

"The people don't want them. Meters will defeat their intended purpose to help the shopping area. They're nothing but a bunch of slot machines which take all and give nothing in return," Benstead exclaimed, amid a burst of spontaneous applause by some members of the audience.

Benstead's motion died for lack of a second.

"Well, I tried," Benstead said with a resigned smile.

Motion to award the bid was made by Mayor Nick Drale and supported by Councilmen Mervin Schwab and Willys Blount.

Complete cost of installing the meters will be \$56.42 per meter.

The meters will be installed on a six months' trial basis without cost, to be accepted or rejected after that upon recommendation of the City Council.

Off-Street Parking
The need for purchasing off-street parking was also cited by George Binder in a letter to the City Council. A meeting with downtown property owners to discuss setting up an assessment district for off-street parking has been called for next Wednesday, November 3.

Binder recommended that one or two entire blocks be condemned and purchased for parking; El Prado park be converted for parking purposes; the present civic center be razed once the new one is built and the present site used for parking.

Binder claimed that large-scale measures must be taken to provide parking areas for 3000 cars in downtown Torrance if the local business district is to compete with new shopping areas rising up all around.

MORTUARY

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seven months before a legal opinion is forthcoming.

During that time Miller, who lives at 1304 Arlington, which is near the proposed mortuary, could hold up construction on the mortuary by filing an injunction.

Stearns said that such an injunction would be filed by his client.

To Call For Bids
Halverson, meanwhile, announced that bids will be called immediately on the \$130,000 mortuary.

Miller claims that the city and Planning Commission went counter to the zoning ordinance in granting the variance.

Judge Praeger ruled however, that "there was a substantial and efficient compliance by the Planning Commission and City Council with the zoning ordinance."

Aero Meeting

Phil D. Brooks, 16818 Thornburgh Avenue, Torrance, was a featured participant in the national aeronautical meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers held recently in Los Angeles.

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

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mentation of Councilman Victor Benstead the Council voted to provide shelters for all crossing guards.

FLIES: North Torrance residents on 171st street near the Ormonde dairy said the fly menace is as bad as ever. The dairy will be forced to commit itself to definite days for clean-up operations and George Powell of the city will see to it that the commitment is strictly enforced.

BOND ELECTION: Official bond election totals counting the absentee ballots are as follows: Civic Center—yes, 4297; no, 881; votes cast 5178; swimming pool, yes, 3880; no, 1288; total votes cast, 5168.

NEW FIRE STATION: Bids for the new station must be in by November 23.

POLLS: Councilman Victor Benstead called for the revamping of the poll locations to make them more accessible to voters. Motion approved.

SALES TAX: License Inspector Cy Weber was ordered to continue spot checking sales tax revenues. Councilman Mervin Schwab asked for a complete report.

WALTERIA LAKE: Mayor Nick Drale appointed a committee to study reclamation of Walteria Lake for park purposes.

BUS OPERATORS: Bus drivers requested salaries compatible with those paid trash collectors and school bus operators. The matter will be studied.

HISTORICAL: A North Torrance resident asked that the old fire engine (ladder truck) be preserved for historical purposes. If the city would not do it he was willing to assume the responsibility. The matter will be studied.

GIANT TRACT: Approval of a revised tentative tract map calling for the construction of 1541 homes was granted Milton Kauffman Construction Co. The homes will be located west of Hawthorne avenue, between Torrance boulevard and Sepulveda boulevard.

TORRANCE BEACH: State, county, and city officials met to discuss the Torrance beach controversy. About 65 acres had been intended originally for park purposes. On the other hand Don Ja Ran Construction company proposes to build on the same property. No decision was made in the matter.

FIRE

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sephine's bedroom. The police victim's cast is so heavy that Mrs. Sturgess cannot lift it alone. The mother pulled the bed to the window and with Josephine's help lowered the girl out the window.

The woman then closed all the windows and dragged the burning mattress out the back door.

When the firemen arrived they extinguished the blaze. Damage was confined to the floors, a scorched wall, and the bed.

Butch had been playing with matches, it was determined, and accidentally ignited a plastic mattress cover.

GOOD NEIGHBOR

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Raphael. The event was considered one of the best ever staged.

Entertainment featured Champ Butler, noted TV, radio and recording artist. The Torrance Area Youth Band, and a combo headed by Marty Baum.

SHOOTING

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the husband into the house. Four garloads of deputies arrived after Springer issued a call for help. They surrounded the house throwing tear gas inside.

Frantically smashing windows, Pagaling finally turned the gun on himself and slashed himself in the stomach with a jack knife.

As the gas ignited and the inside caught fire, Pagaling came crashing out of the house falling face down on the grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hedge, of 1809 Abalone Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Sharon Lynn, weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madrigal, of 22121 Archibald St., announce the birth of a daughter, Jarodine, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

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